

Christology

A Study on Jesus Christ

Incarnation Ramifications

- ◆ to our knowledge of God
- ◆ to our salvation
- ◆ to our daily living
- ◆ to our pressing needs
- ◆ to our future

Preincarnate State - Importance

1. *No eternal Trinity*
2. *Could not be God*
3. *Liar*
4. *Changes the whole nature of who our Savior would be*

Evidence For: Heavenly Origin

- ◆ Jn 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.
- ◆ Jn 3:13,31 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.... He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

Evidence For: Heavenly Origin

- ◆ Jn 1:1-3
- ◆ Jn 3:13,31
- ◆ Jn 8:56-59 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.” Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Evidence For: Involved in Creation

- ◆ Col 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.
- ◆ Heb 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Evidence For: Involved in the life of Israel

- ◆ Gen 18-19
- ◆ Ex. 14:19; 23:20 The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.... Behold, I am going to send an angel before you to guard you along the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared.

Evidence For: Involved in the life of Israel

- ◆ 1Kgs. 19:5-7 He lay down and slept under a juniper tree; and behold, there was an angel touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat." Then he looked and behold, there was at his head a bread cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise, eat, because the journey is too great for you."
- ◆ 2Kgs. 19:35 Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead.

Incarnation: becoming flesh

- ◆ Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- ◆ 1Jn 4:2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God
- ◆ 2Jn 7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.

Incarnation: Predicted

- ◆ Isa 9:6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.
- ◆ Isa 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Incarnation: Importance

- ◆ Uniqueness of Christ
- ◆ Sinlessness of Christ: Peccability / Impeccability
- ◆ Right to Reign